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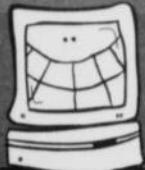
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Foot and Mouth open house

by Richard Westlund

Foot-and-Mouth disease is unlikely to arrive in Canada, said three speakers at an open house dealing with the subject last week.

But if it did find its way into the country the results could be devastating.

"I don't see it coming here in the future," said local veterinarian Gord Krebs to the almost packed house in the multipurpose room at the Memorial Complex.

Krebs said the disease has been prevalent for years in many other countries. And Canadians have been visiting those nations during their continued outbreaks.

"People have gone to other countries and have come back without the disease. The chances of bringing back the disease from Europe is no greater than that of other countries. Tens of thousands of people have come back from those areas and Canada has been foot-and-mouth free for 50 years."

"The chances of it coming here are very minimal; chances are it isn't going to come here," Krebs reiterated.

Despite believing the disease is unlikely to arrive in Canada, Krebs warned that people still need to be careful and cautious because of the disease.

"Foot and Mouth is a very serious concern. If it comes here it would be very devastating. A lot of people in North America don't think it could be controlled if it comes here," said Krebs.

Krebs said travel-related

precautions should be exercised such as not visiting countries experiencing the acute outbreaks of FMD until the disease is contained and if you must travel to such a country, farms or areas with livestock should not be visited.

Zone Coordinator for the Alberta Cattle Commission Chuck Groeneveld was also of the belief that foot-and-mouth was unlikely to arrive in Canada.

"I am confident that we are not going to get it but I think it is really important that we keep watch. We need to make sure everyone knows about it."

"(Farms) are big business that we all work very hard at. I hope we keep talking about 1952 and forget about 2002."

Groeneveld said he remembers the outbreak that took place in Canada in the 50s and that it took 21 years for beef prices to get back to where they were at after the outbreak had been controlled.

He said while people need to be vigilant about the disease, he doesn't want to see the cattle industry slow down because of concern. He said he has talked to local farmers that state they are not going to auction marts and sales because they are afraid of the disease. Groeneveld said that is the wrong mentality to have.

"We can run and hide but it will catch us just as quick."

Larry Delver, from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, said he agreed with Dr. Krebs'

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FMD...

Photo by Richard Westlund

Larry Delver of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency addresses a packed open house at the Memorial Complex last week. The event was organized by the Didsbury AG Society to deal specifically with Foot & Mouth Disease.

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NEWS

In the courts

Man threatened to burn trailer

A 29-year-old man who threatened to burn down a Torrington-area woman's trailer will be sentenced next month. Wayne Thomas Foster pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to charges of assault, uttering threats and uttering threats to cause bodily harm.

The accused made the threat sometime after August 2000, said Crown prosecutor Gord Wong. The exact date of the threat is not known. Foster also admitted pushing the woman during an argument in the home. She was not injured in the incident.

Some time later, Thomas threatened to harm the woman's roommate. Foster's trial was scheduled for Monday, but the accused changed his pleas.

Judge Davie ordered a pre-sentence report prepared on the accused. Foster will be sentenced by Judge Robert Davie on May 14.

Pot bust leads to fine

A 22-year-old man caught with a baggie of marijuana near Olds has been fined. James Matthew Currie pleaded guilty on Monday to a charge of possession of a controlled substance under 30 grams.

Currie was the driver of a vehicle stopped by RCMP on Feb. 28. The drugs were found inside the vehicle, court heard.

It was Currie's second drug conviction, having been convicted of possession in 1997. Judge Davie handed the accused a \$500 fine.

Man jailed following thefts, vandalism

An 18-year-old man who went on several vandalism and theft sprees last fall has been jailed. Jamie Andres pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court to two charges of mischief damage under \$5,000, two charges of theft under \$5,000 and one charge of possession of stolen property.

This trial was scheduled from April 11, but he changed his plea. The charges stemmed from several separate incidents in October 2000, court heard.

On Oct. 21, the accused

spray painted eight vehicles in Carstairs. At the same time he broke into three vehicles, removing cell phones and other items.

On Oct. 28, the accused spray painted graffiti on several businesses and other buildings, including the Carstairs Royal Canadian Legion building and the Carstairs Coop. He also stole some clothing from a car and subsequently burned the items in a trash bin.

On the same night he broke into three vehicles, removing cell phones and other items. In all, more than \$2,200 damage and property loss was suffered by the victims.

In a separate incident, the accused admitted being in possession of a car stolen from an Innisfail residence on Oct. 16, 2000. The accused's defence counsel called the spree "mindless damage." "It's hopefully something he can grow out of. Hopefully Mr. Andres can put this silly kind of thing behind him," Crown prosecutor Gord Wong said. "It's time for him to change."

Judge C. Skene ordered the man jailed for 90 days, ordered him to pay complete restitution to the victims, complete 50 hours of community service serve two years probation and abstain from drinking liquor.

Town Council approves Waste Commission proposal

by Richard Westlund

Town Council approved a proposal put forth by the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Commission at a special council meeting held April 10 that will see a Class 3 (Dry) landfill established at the existing landfill site.

The Town's current contract with Canadian Waste will expire March 31, 2002 and a decision must be made to continue using private contractors for waste removal or to hand over waste removal to the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Commission, stated the Agenda at the special meeting.

Councillor Gary Dolha, who had concerns about how commercial garbage was going to be collected if the recommended action was approved, cast the only vote against the proposal saying more time was need to look at the issue.

"I am opposed to dealing with something of this magnitude on short notice," he said.

Also in the proposal is that drop-off bins be set up at the Carstairs Transfer Station for County and Municipal overflow, that both Didsbury and

Carstairs landfills be equipped with recycling stations as well as modified in-vessel composting systems, that Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Commission take care of residential garbage pick up to be taken to the Olds transfer station, and that the MVSWC, in conjunction with the Town of Didsbury, address viable alternatives for removal of commercial waste.

Dolha raised the concern about the commercial garbage situation. Currently most businesses have their garbage services contracted out through private companies who take the waste to the Didsbury land fill site.

With the landfill scheduled to be closed on Sept. 1, that means those contractors will have to transfer the garbage somewhere else and that costs may rise.

The Didsbury landfill is being closed due to a mandate of Alberta Environment to reduce landfill sites in the province and the government will not be renewing the licence to operate the current landfill.

An environmental study and closure procedures must be submitted to Alberta Environment by Sept. 12.

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Didsbury Museum requests title

by Chris Puglia

The Didsbury Historical Society is requesting that the school board hand over the title of the old school building located next to Didsbury High so the museum may garner additional funding from the Town of Didsbury.

"In our request for increased financial support from the Town of Didsbury, the council and Mr. Parliament have informed us that our elected representatives are unwilling to invest large sums in the museum when the title and ownership of the structure it is housed in is vested elsewhere," read a letter submitted to the board from society president Dale Weiss.

The museum has been housed in the old school structure since 1989 and has been leased to the Historical Society by the school board for that time.

Over the past 12 years the historical society has invested over \$60,000 in the building for roofing, heating and insulation upgrades.

Weiss says that at no time have they requested funds to upgrade the building from the school board.

With that in mind the Historical Society has requested the ownership of the building be transferred to the Town of Didsbury or directly to the Historical Society.

"The structure is a designated Provincial Historic Resource, and would seem to have little value to Chinook's Edge as a structure," the letter read. The structure may not have a lot of value to the board however, the land surrounding the building does.

Didsbury High School is currently rated as one of the top six school buildings in need of modernization. As well, the school is in need of a new gymnasium and it has not yet been determined where that addition will be constructed.

Currently the board is not aware how much land goes with the building and with the shortage of green space around the school they are not sure if they can give up any of that land around the building. "I think the board needs to consider this carefully," said Trustee Ian Taylor.

Superintendent Jim Gibbons will be meeting with the Didsbury Historical Society to discuss the matter further.

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assertion that we have been disease free and have been visiting countries that have been infected by foot-and-mouth.

But his talk was less optimistic.

"I am here to scare the hell out of you," he said at the beginning of the talk.

Delver said the real risks for the disease arriving in Canada would come through a food product.

"It's not so much the people but what the people carry. That's how we got it in Canada the first time and that how they think they got in Europe this time (contaminated swill that was fed to pigs)."

Delver said he has heard concern about international livestock events and that people believe they may be the place where the disease could be contracted. He said people should probably be more concerned about petting zoos where there is close contact. He said the disease can live in the nasal passages of humans for up to 36 hours and can be passed that way. Meat products can have the disease for over a year, he added.

Despite being told the disease was unlikely to arrive in Canada, many people were still concerned about the disease and that was reflected in their questions and comments.

One woman, who said she closed her tourism ranch because she was receiving bookings from Europe and was afraid the disease could be brought over, broke down crying after asking the panel what they thought she should do in her situation.

She said she was frustrated that she hasn't been able to get any answers on the subject so far.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency Facts

Foot and Mouth Disease - Information for Travellers

Foot and Mouth Disease is a highly contagious viral disease of cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer and other cloven-hoofed ruminants. Foot-and-mouth disease does not affect humans.

Canada, with its vast natural resources, has an economy largely based on agriculture (includes plants and animals), forestry, and fisheries. If an outbreak occurred in Canada, the Foot and Mouth Disease virus could spread rapidly to all parts of the country through routine livestock movements. Unless detected early and eradicated immediately, losses could reach billions of dollars in the first year.

Animals, people or materials can spread Foot and Mouth Disease. An outbreak can occur when:

- People wearing contaminated clothes or footwear, or using contaminated equipment, pass the virus to susceptible animals.
- Animals carrying the virus are introduced into susceptible herds.

If you travel, when you return to Canada:

- Declare all meat, dairy or other animal products that you are bringing back to Canada.
- If you visited a farm

What can the Canadian public do to help prevent the spread of this disease to Canada?

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency officials are increasing the surveillance of passengers and baggage arriving on international flights. The CFIA requests that travellers take the following precautions:

- If visitors must come to the farm they should take additional sanitary precautions such as washing and disinfecting all personal effects and equipment that have accompanied them. It is particularly important to clean and disinfect footwear. A solution of 50 percent water and 50 percent vinegar is adequate disinfection for the FMD virus.

While abroad make sure that the clothing and footwear you wore during your visit are free from soil or manure. Clean and disinfect your footwear. Dry cleaning of clothes is recommended.

Stay away from Canadian farm for 14 days [as recommended by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)] after returning to Canada.

If you farm in Canada:

- Prevent farm or ranch visits by anyone who has been to the United Kingdom in the last 14 days. Although humans are not susceptible to Foot and Mouth Disease, they can serve as carriers.
- If visitors must come to the farm they should take additional sanitary precautions such as washing and disinfecting all personal effects and equipment that have accompanied them. It is particularly important to clean and disinfect footwear. A solution of 50 percent water and 50 percent vinegar is adequate disinfection for the FMD virus.

What can you do as a Veterinarian and Producer?

- 1) Avoid visiting countries experiencing acute outbreaks of FMD until the disease is contained.
- 2) If you must travel to such a country, do not visit farms or areas with livestock.
- 3) Do not bring any meat, dairy or other animal products back with you.

Should FMD occur in Canada, it will result in an immediate closure of our borders for export of live cattle, sheep and swine, meat and other byproducts, including semen, embryos and hides. The borders would be closed until Canada contains and eliminates the disease, which could be longer than six months.

A recent study proved that FMD could spread quickly through North America and containment would be difficult, resulting in large losses of livestock. Therefore, a united effort is needed by NAFT to prevent disease entry. The virus can be spread by inhalation (airborne) or ingestion from: infected people (may survive in nasal passages for up to 36 hours), contaminated hair, skin, clothes and footwear. Infected animals (virus shed in breath, saliva,

manure, urine, milk and semen) Improperly cooked meat products e.g. sausage, infected semen, embryos, biologics and hides. Infected equipment, vehicles, feed (including water) and food waste.

What can you do as a Veterinarian and Producer?

- 1) Avoid visiting countries experiencing acute outbreaks of FMD until the disease is contained.
- 2) If you must travel to such a country, do not visit farms or areas with livestock.
- 3) Do not bring any meat, dairy or other animal products back with you.

4) Disinfect all clothes (dry clean), footwear, (burn), and equipment (e.g. cameras) and take a thorough shower before arriving home.

5) Stay away from Canadian farms for at least 2 days or longer.

6) Do not host any farm tours or allow visits of anyone who has recently visited or resided in Europe, while the FMD outbreak continues, and this applies to other countries being infected with FMD. Follow all the above precautions if you must allow visitors, or simply ask visitors to please reschedule their visits.

7) Stay attuned to the news to keep abreast of the latest information on FMD spread and containment.

More details on FMD at <http://cattlefeeder.ab.ca.or> <http://www.cria-acia.agr.ca> or <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca>.

Foot and mouth update:

An outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) has been confirmed in the United Kingdom (which includes Great Britain, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and it has spread to Argentina also recently reported a confirmed case of FMD. Other countries reporting FMD are: Greece, Netherlands, South Africa, China, Israel, Mongolia, Philippines, Iran, Turkey, Peru, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Malawi, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Korea, Tajikistan, Kuwait, Zambia, Egypt, Japan, Namibia, Mauritania, Brazil, Uruguay and Swaziland.

FMD is a reportable disease in Canada and it is classified as a List A disease by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), meaning it has serious implications for trade.

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cattle and pigs, as well as sheep, goats, deer, elk, and other cloven-hoofed animals. It causes blisters and ulcers on the mouth, tongue, lips, feet and teats.

If you see any of these signs on your animals, contact your district veterinarian. Should disease be suspected, farms will be quarantined until confirmatory tests are completed. Control of FMD is through quarantine, eradication of all infected animals, disinfecting and possibly vaccination.

FMD is a zoonotic disease; however, very few human cases have ever

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Striking A balance



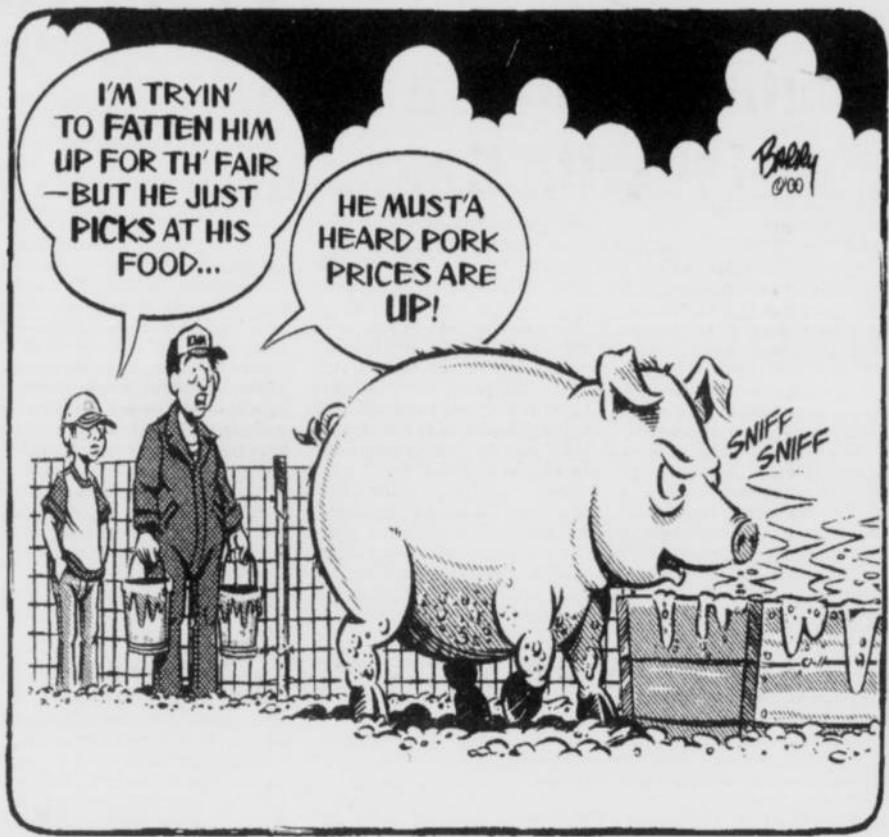
**Richard
WESTLUND**

The packed parking lot in front of the Memorial Complex and the lack of empty chairs in the multi-purpose room were good signs when the Didsbury Agricultural Society hosted an open-house regarding foot-and mouth disease.

Everybody is aware of the current epidemic occurring in Europe presently and sentiments were expressed at the event that we need to do everything in our power to keep it from spreading to this continent.

And those sentiments are important and we need to take care. But there was another concern expressed by one of the speakers that we cannot live our lives in fear of this disease. He said if the disease comes it will find us whether we are hiding or not. Now this creates somewhat of a dilemma. On one hand if we are over cautious it is more likely we are not going to see foot-and mouth in this area. But will we suffer in other ways? Tourism may stop coming to Canada. The beef industry may suffer because people are afraid to promote their breeds in public. Suspicion of the disease may slow trade. And on the other hand we can be lax about the disease, assume that it is very unlikely to come over and take our chance. I don't think anyone is going to want to do that.

So what is left is to strike a responsible balance. While important steps and planning needs to be done for Canada in this global problem (and it really is a global problem) we need to make sure that our decisions are not irresponsible in the other direction.



Wonderings of the heart

Coming And Going

By Margaret Fradley

We are quietly awaiting the arrival of our family for the long weekend, a visit from our daughter, her husband, their two year old, new baby, and their puppy "Teddy". I say "quietly" because it may be several days before I get to use this adverb again.

They arrived, we had four busy, fun-filled days- a new baby, a lively, active inquisitive, just turned two year old, and a puppy who longs to be taken out for a walk; and who regularly requires a special treat for obediently staying on his blanket while we eat our meals.

We soon discover, when we hear noises, laughter or other happy sounds, all is well, but when things grew quiet it was time to investigate. These dear little people bring into our lives a season of refreshment, it becomes a time for forgetting all our busyness and pressure and just enjoying the abundance of their energy and enthusiasm.

In the past I have shared with many grandparents; some say "we just love family to come and we also love to see them go", a sign we are not as young as we used to be. I always enjoy watching for family to arrive from our large picture window and waving furiously when I see them drive up. Perhaps like these grandparents who shared with me, I identify with them, in that as I stand at the window to wave "goodbye" it is an equally enthusiastic wave, but it is accompanied with a warm and grateful heart.

Guest editorial

Health authority elections not without pitfalls

By Dan Singleton

Seven years after 17 regional health authorities were established in the province, the government has outlined rules governing the election of two thirds of the future authority members.

The election of RHA members will take place at the same time as the 2001 municipal elections on Oct. 15. The remaining one third of authority members will be appointed by Alberta Health.

Didsbury is in Health Region #5, while Sundre and Olds are in the David Thompson Health Region. All current RHA members are appointees. "This is a vital opportunity to have a direct say in how health care services are delivered," said Health minister Gary Mar. "I urge every eligible Albertan to participate, either by voting, running for

election or standing for appointment."

Election of public officials, either at the municipal, provincial or federal level, is a fundamental, integral part of Canadian democracy. So at first glance RHA elections appear to be a straight forward, positive move. However not all things are as they seem.

That is, such elections have the potential to cause significant problems for the health system by allowing interest groups to gain control of some or all health regions.

It's true the province has outlined stringent eligibility criteria for who can and cannot run for RHA office. Persons who work for Alberta Health, who are independent health providers (ie: physicians), who have substantial financial interests in companies doing business with Al-

berta Health are among those prohibited from seeking election.

Judges, MLAs and MPs are also prohibited from running for RHA office. Yet the current criteria does not place any restriction on special interest groups running one or more candidates.

As an example, a strongly anti-union group could create a region with a strong pro-management bias, or vice versa.

There is no suggestion at this point that any specific interest groups plan to take advantage of the fall RHA elections in this way, but the potential is there.

RHA elections are still many months away but questions are already being raised. As with all public ballots, voters should be well informed about who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues of the day.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Public Health Care still popular with Canadians

Dear Editor:

It is my view that our Canadian public health care system is a national treasure. Notwithstanding the chaos created by the drastic cuts in funding by both levels of government in the mid-1990s, our public system has persevered. And despite being often castigated by the corporate controlled mass media, polls indicate it is still very popular with Canadians. We have every right to be proud of a system that sets us apart from the rest of the world and is the most cost effective, compassionate and comprehensive.

Since it was excluded from

the 'national treatment' provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Canada's health care system has always been a thorn in the side of U.S. corporations. They argue that Canadian businesses have an unfair competitive trade advantage, as they are not burdened with the high cost of health care insurance for their employees. In addition, global health insurance and pharmaceutical firms see Canada as a potential market for lucrative profits. They are doubtlessly sparing no effort to overcome impediments to this market by seeking out loopholes in the

NAFTA exclusion and by lobbying for changes in the Canada Health Act.

I applaud Roy Romanov's recent federal appointment to a royal commission on health care. His credentials are admirable. But I believe that because big bucks are at stake, he will be the target of intense lobbying by vested interests pursuing their agenda of legalizing the entry of for-profit health care into Canada.

If our national treasure is to be preserved, Romanov will need a tough hide to repel these assaults.

*Yours truly,
William Dascavich*

Ottawa's Lap Dog Diplomacy

Dear Editor:

I am not surprised that President Bush decided not to abide by the Kyoto Protocol and reduce polluting emission levels in the U.S. The American president reflects the like of persons whose dollar-driven ideology is based on human selfishness and greed.

Never mind that the wasteful lifestyle of the upper classes in the industrial nations is leading to environmental disaster. Corporate elite controlled governing authorities have no intention of lowering their standard of living in order to accommodate the needs of future generations. The wealthy elite hold that they have the indisputable God-given right to exploit, to consume and to discard, while offering the less fortunate pie in the sky. Their myopic views allow little room for benevolence or concern over the reality that our planet is gradually losing its capacity to sustain any form of life.

This is somewhat puzzling,

to the extent that even the future progeny of the elite will not be immune from the consequences of present day environmental decisions. But then, it's been said that human selfishness and greed know no bounds.

As a Canadian, I like to think that we are somehow better informed, closer in touch with reality, more responsible, caring and com-

passionate. This should have led our federal government to take an independent position on the Kyoto accord, a position that would have been in line with the rest of the nations in the world.

But alas, Ottawa's lap-dog diplomacy seems to preclude the realization of any such hope!

*Yours truly,
William Dascavich*

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the designation of this day throughout the Town of Didsbury to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees; and

WHEREAS through the cooperation of all residents of the Town of Didsbury, the beneficial effects of tree plantings and proper cultivation of our existing trees, we can pass on an enduring heritage of a vital nature resource to succeeding generations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Raymond Lea, Mayor of the Town of Didsbury do hereby proclaim May 5, 2001 as ARBOR DAY in the Town of Didsbury, and urge everyone able to do so to observe this day by the planting of one or more trees and by participating in the Arbor Day event.

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MAYOR RAYMOND LEA

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- MPC: May 9, 2001
- Corporate Services: May 8, 2001
- Community Services: April 24, 2001

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| • DP 26-01 | • 1130-22 Avenue | • Extend Deck & Solarium • R2 |
| • DP 27-01 | • 1334-23 Street | • Dwelling Unit Fourplex • R2 |
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- Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Article Not Necessary

To the editor,

I would like to convey my disappointment with regards to the article regarding Dr. Marc Puts in the March 28th Review. I agree with Mrs. Snyder, that because this was not a malpractice suit, it was not necessary to print it. However, if one wishes to insist on freedom of the press I would like to make a couple of points.

First, I felt it is the responsibility of the paper to include the author's name for all articles. Secondly, I have reason to believe that there is a great deal more to this particular story and that it is also the responsibility of the paper to ensure they have all the facts, rather than just one side of the story, prior to printing an article. I am quite sure that if further investigation had been done, Dr. Puts' reputation would not have been put in a position to be questioned by some, but rather upheld as that of the excellent physician that he is.

Sincerely,
Shannon Jacobs

PS. I have been given to understand that the article in The Review was far less inflammatory to Dr. Puts compared to that of other media and share Mrs. Snyder's respect to you for that.



HEALTH AUTHORITY 5

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Health Authority 5 Action for Health Call for Proposals

Health Authority 5 extends an invitation to community groups and programs in our region to submit proposals for funding for Action for Health initiatives. The proposed projects will be guided by the following principles:

- Adopt a health promotion and disease prevention perspective.
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- Evaluation Plan
- Budget

Proposal Deadline May 31, 2001

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Action for Health Committee
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NEWS

Endangered species discussed at Wild Rose meeting

by Chris Puglia

Preserving Canada's endangered species is on the forefront of the Federal government's agenda and although the concept is supported by the Alliance opposition, they say Bill C-5 needs extensive revision before it becomes legislation.

MP Bob Mills, Canadian Alliance Environment Critic, attended a Wild Rose open house to discuss the topic of endangered species legislation and the CA's role in ensuring the bill that is scheduled to be passed in the house sometime in June will be effective and fair.

"It should be species at risk legislation that will work and have the cooperation of the landowners," said Mills who adds the Alliance have around 10 amendments that have to be made to the bill before they will support it.

The government at this point has been very cooperative in work-

ing with us, I won't condemn them until they don't go along with the amendments we've put forward," said Mills. "Most environmentalists, most industry and most individuals we've spoken with agree with our amendments."

So far the alliance have been instrumental in provoking changes in how the government is contacting stakeholders for input on Bill C-5, such as having the committee bring witnesses to Ottawa from a variety of different agencies as well as individuals instead of the original plan which was to hold public forums in major cities across Canada.

"You're not going to get legislation that works if that's where you're going to travel," said Mills. "We are listening to grassroots people."

In this particular issue, Mills said grassroots people are those who are going to be most directly affected by the bill and they are

landowners.

One of the benchmarks the Alliance is using as a reference on how not to approach endangered species legislation is the current American legislation, which both Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson, and Mills says does not work.

"It has created a shoot, shovel, and shut up mentality," said Thompson.

The problem in the States is their legislation does not provide for any compensation to landowners, which is currently a similar problem with the proposed Canadian Bill.

"If land has to be taken out of production then there has to be compensation, there is no compensation mentioned in this Bill," said Mills.

The Alliance believes that preserving wildlife and habitat should not be at the sole cost of the landowner, otherwise it could potentially endanger spe-

cies to a further extent, the cost should be shared with all Canadians.

"If an endangered species is worth preserving then all Canadians should incur the cost of preserving that species," said Mills.

Another problem with the proposed legislation according to Mills is it puts too much power in the hands of the environment minister which removes accountability from federal MP's and could degrade the scientific viability of the Bill which currently doesn't have species list attached to it.

An environmental group commissioned by the Canadian Government does have a species list including 300 Canadian species of plants, animals, birds, fish, etc however it has not been accepted by the committee.

And, if the power is left with the minister Mills fears the spe-

cies selection could be left up to lobbyists.

Mills said he would also like to see the bill changed to ensure criminal liability could only be applied to people who intentionally destroy endangered species and not to those who have done it inadvertently especially when the legislation is calling for a 10 year jail term and a \$200,000 fine.

As well the Canadian Alliance want to ensure that the legislation affects every Canadian equally, meaning that first nation communities should not be exempted.

Mills concluded that he has a virtual guarantee from the Liberals that they will allow a full debate on this issue and will not invoke closure until at least June.

The alliance would prefer the debate carry into the fall and will be pushing for that as well.

Chinook's Edge notes

by Chris Puglia

* Matt Tillapaugh of River Glen School has been awarded the ASAA Coaching Sportsmanship Certificate.

* Edwin Parr Nominees for excellence in teaching for first year teachers in the division are Lenee Veres of Deer Meadow School, Renu Mathews of Olds Junior Senior High and Marianne Dufresne of Innisfail High School.

* The board has passed the 2001-2002 Maintenance Budget for a total of \$6.3 million compared to \$6.2 million last year.

* The board passed the 2001-2002 transportation budget for \$6.05 million compared to \$5.95 million last year.

* The board has agreed to allow the town of Didsbury conduct a fireworks display

for Canada Day on Chinook's Edge Land.

* The town has denied the request from the Word of Life Christian school to come under the umbrella of Chinook's Edge. Further communication will be held with the school to discuss possible alternatives. The board cited the condition of the school building as one of the reasons they felt it would not be in the best interest of the division.

* A French Immersion program has been approved for Sylvan Lake.

* The board has approved a field trip request from Hugh Sutherland School to go to Burnaby BC.

* The board received a petition from 30 parents in the Sundre area supporting the Lord's Prayer in schools.

* The board approved the

tender of Briggs Bus Sales for the purchase of seven new busses at \$504,898.

* The board will be looking at ways to better include bus drivers in the school community, such as inclusion in the year book.

* The bus driver manual as well as the parent handbook will be included on the Chinook's Edge Website.

* The board will be running advertisements to recognize substitute appreciation week.

* The superintendent will be meeting with the Didsbury Historical Society regarding the old school building that currently houses the Didsbury museum.

* Kelsey Fout of Cremona placed second in the senior speech and debate category for Chinook's Edge School Division.

School board to review field trip policy

by Chris Puglia

Ever since two Calgary students and a chaperon were killed on a field trip to United States coast and the school board was held liable in a law suit school boards have found themselves in a dilemma.

The problem is how to protect students and protect the board from a law suit in a situation they are finding difficult if not impossible to control.

"The board is in a tricky position," said Chinook's Edge Superintendent Jim Gibbons.

Prior to the Calgary tragedy school field trips conducted during holiday time were not looked at by the board, unfortunately that luxury no longer exists.

"These field trips going to Europe were set up in August at that point in time they wouldn't have been looked at by the board because it was during a holiday," said trustee Ian Taylor. "But, after the Calgary incident we could be

held liable due to them being organized on school time."

Taylor also had concerns over the fact that although the liability has been preceded to lie with the board they have no real control over the situation.

"If we did decide not to approve them we have no hold over them they can go anyway," said Taylor.

Gibbons says that is one of the reasons the board has to protect itself because they will be the one hit with law suit.

"Whoever has the biggest pot of money gets sued and we know we're the organization with the pot of money," said Gibbons.

The board referred the field trips policy to the policy committee for review and possible guidelines may come forward to help alleviate the difficult situation the board finds itself in.

"I still struggle with some of the field trips we're going

on" said Board chair Roy Brassard.

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Law to provide natural gas consumer support tabled in Legislature Bill 1

A bill that puts into law the Government of Alberta's pre-election commitment to provide continuing support to Albertans when natural gas prices are higher than anticipated was introduced in the Alberta Legislature today.

The bill, Natural Gas Protection Act, was tabled as Bill 1 by Premier Ralph Klein, following delivery of the Speech from the Throne opening the Legislature's spring session.

Designating this Bill 1 emphasizes the importance our government places on delivering on its commitments to Albertans," the Premier said. "Back on February 6, we announced that we will offer some price protection beyond April 30, when the current natural

gas rebate program ends. This bill provides the legislative framework to protect Albertans from spikes in the price of natural gas."

Future gas rebates will apply to all of those eligible under the current rebate program, including homeowners, landlords, condominium associations, business, non-profit agencies, schools, health facilities, and municipal buildings. People who use propane or home heating fuel for heating purposes will be eligible for equivalent rebates.

"This bill gives us the ability to keep Alberta gas competitively priced for Alberta consumers and to use additional royalty revenues resulting from price spikes to help shield Alberta's gas consumers from those

spikes," said Energy Minister Murray Smith, who will carry the bill through the legislative process. "This legislation will provide another way for Albertans to benefit from the natural gas reserves that lie beneath their feet."

The bill does not include specific rebate amounts or time periods, Smith noted. These details will be developed through regulations once a thorough analysis of expected gas prices for the next year is completed. "As the bill describes, the rebate program will be based on our best projections of natural gas prices and the government's budgetary position," said Smith. "We should be able to announce these details within a few weeks."

Natural Gas Price Protection and New Programs for Children at Risk

Commitments to protect Albertans from rising natural gas costs, hold regional health authority elections, and introduce two new programs to support children at risk are among the highlights of the 2001 Speech from the Throne.

The speech, delivered on April 10 by Alberta's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Lois Hole, opened the first session of the twenty-fifth Alberta Legislature. It laid out the government's agenda over the coming year for the economy, agriculture, the environment, health, education, and strong, safe communities.

"In the February 12 Throne Speech, the government laid out a vision for the province's future - a vision that was embraced by Albertans in the provincial election. Today's Throne Speech affirms the government's commitment to put

that plane into action," Klein said.

The throne speech outlined a number of initiatives, including: the introduction of a new policy dealing with intensive livestock operations; increased funding to school boards to improve student learning and address teacher salary issues; a pilot program in which mobile community teams respond to crisis situations involving children, youth and families in government care or at risk of coming into care; a program to provide mentoring to youth leaving child welfare; and a "Future Summit" hosted by the Alberta Economic Development Authority along with Alberta Economic Development, Finance, Revenue and Community Development.

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Alberta to lead country in MRI scans

For the first time, Alberta has a clear target rate for MRI scans. The public health system will work to meet a target of 24 scans per thousand population, the highest rate in the country.

The scan rate is more than double Alberta's 1999/2000 scan rate of 10.4 per thousand. Seven previously announced Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners will be installed this year, and will help the province reach the target this year. The 24 per thousand scan rate will allow the public health system to deliver 73,000 MRI scans a year.

The commitment to achieving the scan rate is a part of a new provincial strategy to deliver MRI services to Albertans. The strategy also makes a commitment to reaching the Canadian Association of Radiologists recommended scan rate of 37.6 per thousand population. The scan rate is one of seven recommendations in the Imaging Advisory Committee (IAC) report, which lays ground for the provincial strategy.

"This is the first time we have had targets for MRI services, and we are committed to reaching them," said Gary Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness. "Demand for MRIs is increasing rapidly. We now have a strategy that will help the public health system meet Albertan's medical and radiology needs into the future."

The current target for MRI scan rates and future targets will be set in the 2001-2004 Health and Wellness business plan, and will be reported to Albertans annually.

In addition to the scan

rate, Alberta is taking action on four other recommendations: improving access, developing appropriate criteria, providing patient education and addressing

24 per thousand target until the new units are operational.

A provincial review committee has been established to build on regional health authorities' current role in delivering MRI services. The Alberta MRI Review Committee will appoint physician specialists to review previous cases of privately pur-

chased MRIs and, based on medical information and urgency, will determine if reimbursement is appropriate.

The Alberta MRI Review Committee will be made up of four members, two each from the Capital and Calgary Regional Health Authorities. Joanna Pawlyshyn, Chief Operating Officer, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Dr. Bill Anderson, Regional Pro-

gram Clinical Director, Diagnostic Imaging, will represent the Edmonton region. Janet Umphrey, Executive Director, Foothills Medical Centre and Dr. Cam Waddell, Medical Director, Foothills Medical Centre, will represent the Calgary region.

"We will do the right thing for people who had urgent conditions and decided they could not wait for a public MRI," said Mar.

"We are increasing our capacity to avoid that situation in the future. I also want to remind Albertans that any critical need for an MRI will now be met within hours, and urgent needs within days."

"The provincial MRI strat-

egy will go a long way to meeting the needs of Albertans, particularly those who require these services urgently," said Dr. Anderson.

Alberta is also training more MRI technicians than ever before to support the new capacity, with the first new class graduating this June.

The IAC report was jointly prepared by the Alberta Medical Association, the Alberta Society of Radiologists, regional health authorities and Alberta Health and Wellness. All groups fully support the report and its recommendations.

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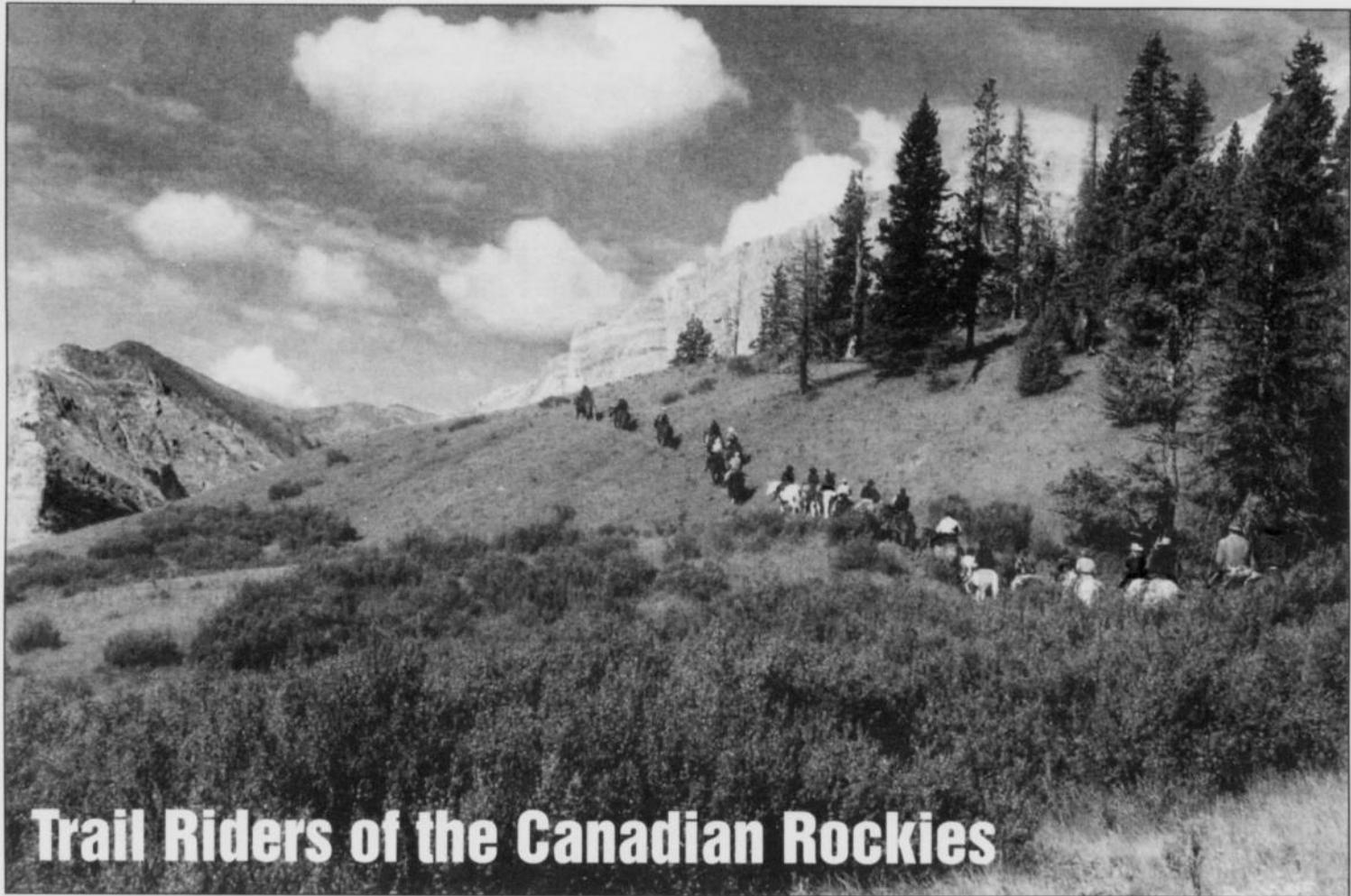
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Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies

By: George Kuxhaus, Brenda Hand & Barbara Rostrom

When you plan your vacation this year, relive a little history and answer the call of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies to "come ride with us!" Come to world renowned Banff National Park and experience, if only for a few days, some of North America's past. Ride a sure-footed horse along trails made by hardy pioneers with a desire to learn what lay beyond the next valley or over the next ridge; men like John Palliser, who, in the 1850's, ventured deeper into the Canadian Rockies than any white man had done before. Let the gentle creaking of saddle leather be the background music for your journey and as you stand on the crest of Palliser Pass, feel the wonder of those early explorers as you gaze upon an endless sea of mountain tops. You are at a place where the past, present and future come together as one.

Teepee Town, the base camp of the TRCR, will be located in the Birdwood Mountain area of

Banff National Park this year. You will travel by bus to the trailhead from the town of Banff, via Canmore and the shoulder of Goat Ridge, quite a thrill in itself. From there it is a leisurely ride into camp, where your accommodations are authentic Indian-style teepees. Sumptuous meals are prepared by skilled camp cooks and the horses are looked after by wranglers.

Imagine a cool, crisp, starry night, with the air so clean and clear that it is dizzying. Now add in the crackle and dancing flames of a campfire as you join a group of like-minded people for your first night in teepee town. As you step out of your teepee in the morning, the sun, as yet unseen, casts a golden glow on the mountain tops to the west. The soft wicker of the horses, the rushing of the river and the sound of the breakfast bell, form a chorus welcoming you to your first day in the Rocky Mountain back country.

Every day will bring new sights as you ride trails carved from the wilderness by explorers, outfitters and First Nation

Peoples, as well as former members of the TRCR. Sitting tall in the saddle, you will have a vantage point few others will experience. Your view of the mountains and passes, lakes and rivers will surpass anything that can be seen by hiking or cycling. For those of you who may no longer be in the best of shape, your horse will take you to places that you would otherwise only dream about.

The fresh mountain air and the day's activities bring with them a big appetite and this too is taken care of. Breakfasts of hot cereal, eggs, bacon, ham, sausages and hotcakes will fuel you for the day's ride, which includes a hearty lunch along the trail. At the end of the day, you will feast on baked ham, roast pork, baked chicken, and the traditional hip of beef to finish off the week. As you relax around the campfire in the evening, you may want to join in a song led by the musician that accompanies most rides, or get to know your fellow riders better. Many life-long friendships are born in the

camaraderie and shared experience of the back country ride.

The Trail of the Canadian Rockies is a non-profit riding club that has been operating in Banff National Park for 78 years. As one of only three organizations accorded heritage status, the TRCR is in the unique position of being able to set up a semi-permanent camp in different areas of the parks on a rotating basis. Therefore you can ride the mountainous back country for many years without ever repeating the same location. Each year is a new experience and the sites are chosen for their variations. As well, the number of riders is restricted to minimize ecological impact and we are careful to protect the back country that we love.

There are nine separate rides going out either on Sunday or Wednesday, beginning on July 15, 2001 and ending with the ninth ride returning on Friday, August 31, 2001. Last year, in addition to the six day rides, some three day rides were included for those

who wish to ease themselves into backcountry adventuring. These shorter rides proved to be very popular and are available again this year. For the six day rides, day trips will include Palliser Pass, Birdwood Mountain Plateau and Leman Lake. For the three day rides the destination will likely be either Palliser Pass or Birdwood Mountain. Wildlife sightings are virtually certain in all areas.

WARNING! Trail riding is addictive! Many of last year's three day riders have already signed up for six days this year and many members return annually, with some having thirty or more consecutive years to their credit. The wonderful comradeship and sheer fun experienced on these rides, to say nothing of the magnificent scenery, bring people back year after year. Membership is achieved by payment of a modest fee. Members receive a distinctive pin for their first ride and are kept informed of TRCR activities by newsletters over the next year.

LIFESTYLES

OKCS honors seniors at Spring Tea

By April C. D. Barton

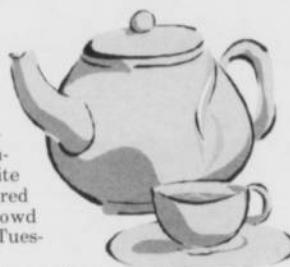
Elementary students at Olds Koinonia Christian School paid special recognition to grandparents and seniors at their 9th annual Spring Tea last week. Despite the blast of winter the area endured Monday night, a capacity crowd filled the gymnasium at OKCS Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Bud Reed, OKCS elementary vice-principal, was Master of Ceremonies for the event and remarked how special and important seniors are to the prayer support within OKCS.

During the 90-minute program, students from ECS to Grade 6 performed individually and in class groups offering songs and recitations, both humorous and insightful. To begin the program, the Grades 6-9 Band - under the direction of music teacher Claire Shum - displayed their talents and rhythm, as did the Grades 4 and 5 students on recorders. Grade 1's capably presented The Lord's Prayer in sign language to a hushed, visibly impressed audience. Grade 2's also sang and signed an uptempo song for the seniors. Grade 3's thanked everyone for coming, then presented two recitations. The ECS class rounded out the afternoon tea with their vocal rendition of Luther's Morning Prayer, and a song on the bells.

In closing as each student filtered off the stage area and ran to welcome their grandparents or special visitor, OKCS Principal Garry Anderson invited guests to tour the school before leaving. A special invitation was also given to attend the school's fund-raising concert April 28 in Olds featuring the gospel quartet sounds of Banks, Brown and Company. Tickets are available at the school.

OKCS will also be hosting their annual Open House May 1st. For further details, please call 556-4038.



Open House seeks Public Input on MPR renovations

The kitchen is too small! The heating is noisy! Where do we hang our jackets?

Just a few of the common comments regarding the existing Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The MPR seats 450 for a supper, 650 for a large meeting, and 1200 standing - space is not the problem. The problems appear in the kitchen, the lack of meeting room space, no washrooms specific to the MPR, and these are just a few.

For some time now the Town of Didsbury Council and administration have been putting together and gathering information and ideas for the renovations of the existing MPR. It is with these ideas and information that we eagerly and with much anticipation have scheduled two Open House dates for presentation of these ideas and information to the residents of Didsbury and area.

A model has been constructed of one proposed drawing for renovations of the MPR and two drawings have been completed. It is now time for the public to come in and view, review,

and provide some input and feedback regarding these drawings. A questionnaire will be available and Councillors and Administration will be on hand at the Open Houses to answer your questions, invite your input and receive your completed questionnaires on the proposed plans for the MPR renovations.

Thursday, April 19, 2001 from 7 - 9 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room and Saturday, April 21, 2001, (the same day as the Lion's Auction) in the Complex and Arena Lobby you will have the opportunity to view the drawings, discuss the proposed renovations and complete your questionnaire.

Please come to the Open House - your input is valued. Please fill out the questionnaire - your answers are needed. Council has committed their interest and endorsement of this project and are now seeking public support of endorsement. This is your opportunity to be heard about the MPR renovations - please take the time and come to one of the Open Houses.

#2 in a Series by J. Alexander (Sandy) Burnett

I've never seen a forest quite like this one. A hot June sun beats down from a cloudless sky, casting fantastic shadows on a carpet of spent wildflowers beneath the gnarled branches of ancient oaks. The buzzy call of a cicada cricket vibrates in my ears. The smoky scent of bark and dry grasses seeps into the air.

It's the second day of my tour of special places protected by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), Canada's largest private organization dedicated to the conservation of ecologically significant land. I've driven north from Victoria to Duncan, near the mouth of the Cowichan River on Vancouver Island's east coast. Eastward from the town, a paved secondary highway winds among attractive suburbs and well-groomed farms half-behind woodsy hedgerows. Then, unexpectedly, there's a gap and a narrow gravel road that ends at a gate and a grassy parking area.

Tim Ennis, an enthusiastic young habitat ecologist and my guide for the morning, is there to welcome me to the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve - probably the world's best surviving example of the most endangered ecosystem in all of Canada.

Why endangered? Because the 27-acre property before me is just about all that's left of a once-extensive complex of oaks and native grasses that covered some 45,000 acres of the Cowichan Valley when the first European settlers arrived here.

While never common, similar open woodlands originally existed in quite a few areas of southern British Columbia, including a large part of what is now downtown Victoria. In the eyes of the newcomers, the deep fertile soil, gently sloping terrain and widely spaced trees were an invitation to clear the land for farming and the construction of homes.

Today, this one small plot of land has global significance as the largest intact remnant of Garry Oak Savannah, or meadow, in Canada and the only one that is assured of permanent conservation stewardship.

That assurance came in 1999, when NCC purchased the land from Mr. Gerald Elkington, who has lived on the property since his birth, 102 years ago. The opportunity grew out of urgent community concern. In recent years, local residents had come to cherish the remnant pocket of natural oak meadow as residential neighborhoods consumed the surrounding land. To forestall a similar fate for the Elkington property, citizens formed the Cowichan

Our rarest ecosystem

Garry Oak Committee and began a vigorous public campaign for support. Eventually, community efforts raised \$150,000.

Still, a market price of \$800,000 plus associated legal and administrative costs left the land well beyond the reach of a purely grassroots initiative. This realization led one determined and energetic committee member, Barb Stone, to contact the regional office of NCC in Victoria with a request for help.

Because private partnerships are a central element in NCC's strategy of land securement, Barb Stone's plea found a sympathetic audience. Before long, a coalition of local regional, provincial, and national backers was taking shape. On a regional basis, the Cowichan Community Land Trust Society came aboard, as did the Cowichan Valley Naturalists' Society, and Mountain Equipment Coop provided a generous donation. The Province of British Columbia contributed \$139,000 from its Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, while Environment Canada provided \$100,000 in funding from the Georgia Basin Ecosystem Initiative.

Capping the campaign was a generous donation of \$200,000 from Shell Canada, a corporate supporter of NCC for more than 20 years. The Shell gift enabled NCC to act on behalf of the partners and sponsors and acquire title to the land.

Now, Tim Ennis, a recent graduate in environmental studies from the University of Victoria, is employed by NCC to coordinate a conservation management plan for the site. One of his special interests is the traditional use of plants by aboriginal people. To them, the oak meadows were precious places, treasured for abundant harvests of medicinal herbs, wild onions and tasty camas lily bulbs. As we start our tour, he explains how they kept the camas beds free of weeds and brush through controlled burning, and how they made the sweet bulbs edible by long, slow steaming in pit ovens.

He's quick to point out that camas is not the only interesting wildflower in this unique ecosystem. The Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve contains healthy populations of three plant species that are listed in the United Nations' Red Book of Endangered Species. They are the white-top aster, the yellow montane violet, and a small wild onion known as Howell's triteleia. Moving toward the centre of the conservation area, Tim chooses his route carefully to avoid crushing the delicate plants underfoot.

"All three were once relatively common in the region," he explains. "But as the oak meadow habitat di-

minished, so did many of the plant and animal species that depended on it for survival. About 20 per cent of the rare and endangered plants in British Columbia are found in association with oak meadows."

In mid-sentence, Tim stops and gestures at a delicate, gray-brown butterfly that has landed on a fallen branch. "It's a Propertius Duskywing," he whispers. "Another endangered Red Book species. They're found where the caterpillars can feed on oak leaves. The adults like the nectar of camas blossoms."

Oaks... camas... butterflies... the illustration of how the member species of a natural community depend on one another is compelling in its clarity. The moss on the tree trunks provides nesting material for the little Chestnut-backed Chickadee perched on a branch overhead. The bird pauses in its hunt for caterpillars among the oak leaves to watch us pass. Elsewhere, black-tailed deer are browsing among the oaks, helping to keep grass from choking out the camas lilies. Garter snakes and alligator lizards lurk among the sun-baked rocks. The diversity of life on this small plot of land is amazing.

Securing ownership of the Cowichan Garry Oak site was only the first step in protecting this rare and complex natural community. A pressing issue now is the invasion of aggressive, non-native species that threaten to disrupt the natural balance. A case in point is Scotch broom, a coarse, yellow-flowered shrub that grows vigorously wherever the soil has been disturbed. Other invaders include exotic grasses, thistles and European hawthorn.

Happily, the interest of the Cowichan Garry Oak Committee remains high. Members participate enthusiastically in cooperative efforts at brush removal and carefully controlled burning not unlike that practiced by the native people on sites like this for thousands of years.

Meanwhile, scientists from the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre are collaborating with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to monitor the site, record its biodiversity and determine the best ways to sustain this precious remnant of a globally unique natural habitat.

Conservation science and community responsibility - together they form a combination that NCC is promoting nationwide, through Natural Legacy 2000, with the support of Canada's Millennium Partnership Program. Next week: another rare coastal ecosystem, another dedicated community effort, and a curious fragment of Canadian history.

Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brosma



Matthew Cox

Worldly travels lead to Enlightenment

His post High School backpacking trip around Europe may be long over, but for Matthew Cox, the impact the trip - and subsequent trip - to England will last a lifetime.

While visiting the Northern part of England near Lancashire on his first visit, Cox decided to

take some courses at Capernwray Bible School. The courses left Cox with such a positive impact that he decided to return as soon as he was able to follow up for an addition six months of schooling at the internationally - acclaimed facility. "I graduated in '98, but returned there just this fall for another six month term," Cox explains. "These Bible Schools are set up a little differently than a regular college...the courses of study are not so much based on academics, but rather personal growth and development. That's what I found so appealing."

Capernwray Bible Schools are stationed in countries all over the world - two of which are in Canada; one on the West Coast and one in Quebec. Cox chose to attend the school in England because of how the school in England presents their courses and lectures. "I knew the kind of training that was offered at the school in England because of the trip I took there right out of high school, so I knew what I was getting myself into." Two of his favorite subjects while he was there included one by a Scottish lecturer on Social History through the eyes of the Christian faith, and one by an Austrian lecturer on how to turn knowledge into experience. "There is a very practical application to everything I've learned," says Cox.

Anyone wishing to find out more information about Bible School can access their website at www.capernwray.co.uk.

PEEP Program springs into Action

Unemployed Didsburians between the ages of 17 and 29 years face a promising spring with the PEEP program underway in town.

PEEP (Personal Empowerment and Employment Program) is a federally-based program aimed at helping young Canadians gain valuable employment skills and find jobs.

Program Coordinator Melanie Pasemko, will be running PEEP from April to September with assistant, Gord Fulton. She says there's a number of common scenarios that lead people in the 17-29 age category to become unemployed. "...Some just don't have the job skills or work history to get a job yet...but that's where we step in. We provide them with the basics, plus a lot of the job-specific training they need to succeed in the workforce."

In addition to helping her clients obtain their high school diploma and get a driver's license, Pasemko (though PEEP) can also provide them with WHIMS Training, job safety skills, first aid, even H2S training - if it is part of their job requirement. "Other pre-employment skills and how to write a proper resume."

Part of PEEP's mandate is to work in partnership with local business owners on a salary-supported basis. "The government contributes \$4.00 - \$5.00 per hour straight salary," she explains. "...For the businesses, the financial burden of hiring an assistant is lessened and they are getting highly skilled and trained workers."

Anyone interested in applying for the PEEP program is encouraged to stop by their office on the upper level of Victoria Square Mall, or call 335-3407.

Museum wedding marks day in History

The Didsbury Museum - usually responsible for hallmarking the days of our lives - was the site of a special first day in the married life of Ardis Quintin and Ryan Hughes. The wedding was the first celebration of its type to take place in the Museum Chapel - a feature Museum Archivist Jim Neis hopes will continue. "These people had known about the Museum and were thinking of something special and different for their wedding. We really hope they enjoyed having their service here and the experience of being wed in a chapel similar to those typical of an old church," Neis says, adding the atmosphere is much more relaxed and personal than that commonly occurring at more formal events. "We have been doing some renovations to our chapel room upstairs and it really looked great for the ceremony - very rustic," Neis adds.

Anyone wishing to book the Chapel or any of the Museum's theme rooms can do so by contacting either the Museum or one of the Didsbury and District Historical Society (DDHS) members directly.



Rachel Holmes, Ardis Quintin, Paisley, Ryan Hughes & Chris Bales.



Sam Rotman

World class pianist visits Didsbury

The walls of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church will be echoing with the sounds of classical music this Sunday thanks to a very special guest they will be hosting.

Sam Rotman, world class pianist, will be performing at 7:00 pm as part of his work with UFM International.

Kirk Frambes, who heads up the local chapter of UFM, says Rotman's visit to town is actually two-fold. "He will be playing classical music and sharing how God has worked in his life to enrich him in his travels as a Christian." Frambes is excited to be hosting a pianist of

Rotman's calibre. "He has performed throughout Europe, Russia, the United States and South America and has won many prestigious pianist competitions throughout North America. It's an honour to have him here in Didsbury."

Anyone wishing to attend the non-denominational performance is encouraged to do so this Sunday, April 22nd at 7pm. Admission is free.



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Art Show Results

Paint a winning picture

The 48th Annual Art show and Porcelain Exhibit was one of the largest ones in the past few years. There were more contributors to the show, as well as more entries in the Junior section, which is the only section judged. Results are as follows.

Section A - 10 years and under. Colored Pencil:

1st Brenda Warner; 2nd Carolyn Warner; Pastel: 1st Dayle Kimmel, 2nd Delayne Craven, 3rd Dayle Kimmel.

Water Color: no 1st, 2nd Carolyn Warner; Pencil: 1st Carolyn Warner, 2nd Brenda Warner, 3rd Brenda Warner.

Pen and Ink: 1st Carolyn Warner; Mixed Media: merit Dayle Kimmel.

The judges do not award a first for only one entry in a category or if they feel the work doesn't meet the criteria.

Section B - 11 to 14 years. Pen and Ink:

1st Matt Buck, 2nd Michael Whelan, 3rd Matt Buck.

Pencil: 1st Jamie Arnold, 2nd Jamie Arnold, 3rd Marlayna Vogel, merit Michael Whelan and Dara Fensky.

Pastel: 1st Corinne McKetiak, 2nd Corinne McKetiak, 3rd Josh Brown, merit Lindsay Way and Chelsea Wannamaker.

Charcoal: no 1st, 2nd Troy Tucker, 3rd Serena Fensky.

Acrylic: 1st Kim Leask, 2nd Corinne McKetiak, 3rd Corinne McKetiak.

Mixed Media: 1st Corinne McKetiak, 2nd Troy Tucker.

Water Color: 1st Michael Whelan, 2nd Dara Fensky, 3rd Serena Fensky, merit Dara Fensky (2), Serena Fensky (2).

Section C - 15 to 18 years. Pen and Ink:

1st Chrystal Wilshusen, 2nd Chantelle Wilshusen, 3rd Chrystal Wilshusen, merit Lindsay Way.

Pencil: 1st Stacey Jensen, 2nd Chantelle

Wilshusen, 3rd Candice Monteith, merit Melissa Moreau (2), Lindsay Way and Chantelle Wilshusen.

Pastel: 1st Katie

Ahlfe, 2nd Katie Ahlfe, 3rd Katie Ahlfe, merit Lynette Nesbit, Josh Brown.

Colored Pencil: 1st Kent Mullen, 2nd

Maegan Neufeld; Oil: 1st Maegan Neufeld, 2nd Stacey Jensen.

Water Color: 1st Candice Monteith.

Scratchboard: 1st

Maegan Neufeld. Best of Show - Chrystal Wilshusen.

The people's choice award which is given by ballot, went to

Sandy Farr for the adults, and Corinne McKetiak for the juniors. These awards are for the pictures the viewers like the best.



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Around the circle

By Marge St. Clair

There is still time to sign up for the Didsbury Aquajets Summer Swim Club. All ages of swimmers are welcome. In Didsbury and area please phone Claude Baril at 507-0890, the deadline is May 1st.

Oops, it was my mistake. It was the Didsbury Community Bus Association that awaited and were thrilled with the arrival of the new Community Bus. Drivers Don Irwin, son Mike and Vic Sullivan have been very busy, so if, as a group, you are planning a trip, reserve the bus well in advance.

Sat. April 21: Be sure to attend the Didsbury Lions Club annual auction at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, doors open at 11:00 a.m., John Wayne from Pilgrim Auctions will keep you on your toes in the bidding or the next call will be sold!!!

Are you interested in the proposed expansion and improvement for the Multi-Purpose Room at the Complex? Two open houses have been planned, Thurs. April 19th at 7:00 p.m. and Sat. April 21 at 1:00 p.m.. Plans have been in the works for years now, and with the opinions

and feedback from the open house sessions, it is to be hoped that a final plan can be drafted.

Sun. April 22: If you would enjoy a program of classical music by a world renowned concert pianist, you are invited to the Zion Evangelical missionary Church at 7:00 p.m., a freewill offering will be received.

Mon. April 23: St Cyprian's A.C.W. will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m., please note change of time for summer months. Everyone welcome.

Tues. April 24: Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.. No Appointment necessary.

Tues. April 24: The Didsbury Ladies Golf Club is meeting at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. for the annual meeting. Newcomers to town and district most welcome.

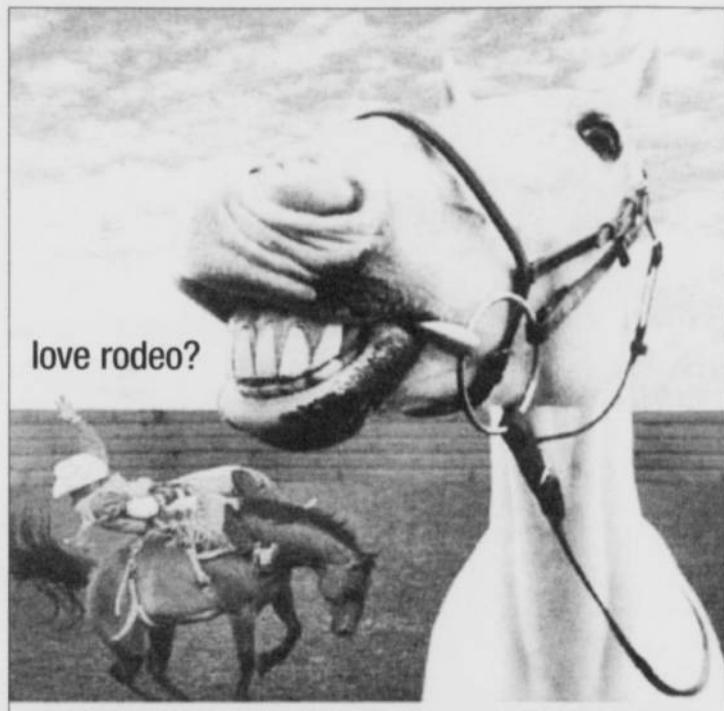
Wed. April 25: The Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wed. night at the Masonic Hall, this is for beginners and advanced players to begin play at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Barb at 335-8375 for details.

What an exciting time this past while has been in Didsbury. Our local Pharmacist, Margaret Baril of Didsbury Drugs was voted "Pharmacist of the Year" and will receive her award June 2 at the Annual Convention in Jasper. Two of our high school basketball players of the Didsbury Dragons team were promoted to Provincial All Star Game, cheers to you Amanda Schneider and Karla Shultz.

Chelsea Wannamaker, a member of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club won the gold medal in Vegreville and local artist Elsie Archer was installed in the Federation of Canadian Artists show held recently in Calgary.

Congratulations to all! And I have just heard of Dr. Dave Phillips, local chiropractor, who was recognized in an International Contest, will have to get more details.

Please be advised that the Farmer's Market will commence Wed. May 2 in the Curling Rink ice surface. Please note the new hours 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Phone Laura at 335-4252 to rent a table and more details.



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Bancroft Women's Institute

The April 9th meeting of the Bancroft Women's Institute was held at the home of Jean McCulloch. The hostess chose 'Spring Time in the Rockies' for the opening song. For Roll call, members related amusing incidents from weddings they had attended - including their own!

It was decided to ask Daniel Fisher if he would again look after Midway Community Park for the upcoming season. The W.I. members will entertain their husbands and special helpers at a supper April 26, at the Country Cousins, Linden.

Plans were made for the Wildrose Constituency Conference to be held April 19 at the Church of God in Carstairs. Jean McCulloch will be the Bancroft delegate.

Jane Lore shared a letter and club program which she received from a Women's Institute member in England. We found it interesting that the Institutes there open their meetings with the singing of 'Jerusalem', based on an old legend that Christ might have come to England as a boy with Joseph of Arimathea.

Elsie Brander presented a report on Education. The Alberta Initiative for School Improvement fund should be used to improve the education of ALL children, through smaller class sizes and programs for special needs and at risk children.

Susan Page entertained with a 'bit of fun' contest which was won by Elsie Brander. The Tea Prize went to Joan Patterson. The next meeting will be held June 14, 1:30 p.m. at the home of June Lore. We welcome visitors!

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This partnership makes Future Shop the largest private sector sponsor of Boys and Girls Club scholarships in Canada and some 15,000 Boys and Girls Club youth across Canada will be eligible to apply. A total of 55 scholarships will be awarded for the September 2001 school term. Each scholarship includes a \$2,000 cash donation payable to the post secondary institution of the youth's choice and worth \$1,000 worth of Future Shop merchandise to assist them with their studies.

"Our partnership with Future Shop represents a tremendous educational boost for our youth," said Heather Sproule, National Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. "Many of our Club members are severely challenged to raise the increasingly hefty tuition fees necessary to pursue their academic dreams. Future Shop's support will help 55 of our Club

youth to make those dreams a reality."

For over 100 years, Boys and Girls Clubs in Canada have provided young Canadians with safe, fun and constructive before and after school activities and programs such as youth leadership through volunteer service and community involvement; homework tutoring; sports and recreation; skills for life; and more recently computer and employment training.

"We are extremely excited about this partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada as it allows us the opportunity to express our commitment to the future of youth in Canada in very tangible ways," comments Kevin Layden, President and COO of Future Shop. "Future Leaders-Scholarships for Today's Youth" is the first in what we hope to be a series of programs designed to provide Boys and Girls Club members with the resources necessary to become successful leaders of tomorrow."

The scholarships will be awarded to the youth from all provinces in Canada and the recipients will be notified in August with local presentations taking place at Future Shop stores across the country early in September. Complete details and application forms are avail-

able now at local Boys and Girls Clubs.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is one of Canada's leading youth organizations, with over 100 community-based Clubs all dedicated to providing quality programs, services and support that promote the healthy growth and development of Canada's young people. Member Clubs currently provide over 130,000 children and youth in 150 communities across Canada with programs and services that take a child-centered approach to skill and character development, in response to the individual needs of each community.

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Senior Games Legacy Deadline

The Town of Didsbury 1999 Senior Games Legacy Grant application deadline is once again fast approaching - May 1, 2001. Applications are accepted quarterly and are reviewed by the Community Services Committee for recommendation to Council on funding for recreation and active living projects for Didsbury's recreation district.

Town Council recently approved Senior Games Legacy funding for recreational equipment for the Didsbury Lodge that is slated for construction very soon.

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Cremona Gold & Silver Club

By Lita Reid

The April 5th meeting of the Cremona Gold and Silver Club was opened by President Donna Dole reading a poem on "The Garden of Life". She thanked the ladies for the usual delectable Pot Luck food for dinner.

Lila Robertson and Romelda Judd informed us of the bus trip to attend the races on May 9th. There is already a full slate of people signed up for the June 11, 12 & 13th trip to Waterton Lake.

We congratulate Ruby Baker, Gwen Hatton, Dot Odell and Norma Dolan who won the local Sr. Games trials in Carpet Bowling and they will be in the playoffs on April 18th. Congratulations also to Ruby Baker and Gwen Hatton for winning the Sr. Women's Cribbage playoff on April 5th, and to Art Davies and Jack Eby who won the Men's playoff, all in Zone 2. The Area playoffs for the Senior Games include all the zones from border to border and will be held in Acadia Valley.

Bowling, cribbage and bridge games are all continuing on schedule after some cancellations in April due to heavy snowfall.

There was a lively discussion over the idea of removing two spruce trees just south of our Centre. The decision to leave them growing was nearly unanimous. We will strive to find ways to keep the sidewalk free of ice next winter. Marie Olson informed us that the windows have been scheduled for cladding, but the job has had to be rescheduled on two occasions because of hall usage and snow on the roof. The job may yet have to be delayed awaiting warmer dryer weather.

Last year the Canadian Wildlife Federation gave us a donation which funded planting the trees in the Seniors Park on the south side of Main Street. Again this year money is available if we can think of a special project for its use. Lionel Bird adjourned the meeting.

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Ross Ford News

This week we interviewed students to see what they are looking forward to during their Easter break.

Mrs. Gole's gr.4
by Kristi Sissons, Chris Basarab

David is going to Kelowna

to see his Grandma. Jesse is staying home and going to eat lots of chocolate. Takisha is going to see her Grandma and Grandpa and hopes to have lots of fun. Richard is going to his Grandma and Grandpa's. Chelsea is going to her Grandma and Grandpa's and will celebrate Easter and

her birthday.

**Mrs. Hohenwarter's gr.1
by Evan Sherman, Matthew Jaenen**

Reed is hoping to have an Easter egg hunt and to go swimming. Peter is going to Canmore to see friends and wants to swim too.

Tammy is going to her

Grandma's for an Easter egg hunt. Elizabeth is going to see her cousins and hopes to have lots of fun. Brianna's cousins are coming to visit.

**Mrs. Hahn's ECS
by Suzanne Baril, Becca Scheidt**

Courtney is going to visit her cousins in Bonnyville.

Joel is going to visit his Grandma in Lac La Biche.

Miranda's Grandma and Papa are coming to visit. Matthew's Grandma and Papa are coming to visit.

Katie's Grandma and Grandpa and cousins are coming to visit.

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A funeral pyre for 800 pigs at Burnside Farm, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland, where the foot-and-mouth outbreak is thought to have started. The pyre, constructed in a 120 feet long trench, required two lorry-loads of straw, 250 railway sleepers and 75 tonnes of coal. The fire was further fuelled with waste oil and diesel. The ash will be buried on the farm. (Picture by Ian Rutherford, courtesy of The Scotsman).

Countrywide paralysed as disease takes hold

Editors Note: In an effort to give our readers perspective about foot-and-mouth's effect on Europe, the Didsbury Review has received permission to reprint the following article featured in a recent edition of "The Scottish Farmer."

SCOTLAND'S countryside was paralysed this week by the threat that foot-and-mouth disease could cross the Border from the outbreak source in Northumberland.

Precautionary restrictions on animal movements have brought the day-to-day routines of the livestock industry to a complete standstill, as Ministry of Agriculture vets attempt to track just how far the disease spread before the alarm was sounded.

While farmers and their stock languish at home in a costly limbo where both must be fed, but where there is no income to pay for the feeding, marts and abattoirs the length and breadth of the country are empty and fleets of hauliers' lorries lie idle in their yards.

The broader Scottish farming and rural community, desperate not to help any hitch-

hiking foot-and-mouth virus on its way with a ride upon cuff, boot or tyre, has rapidly followed the livestock industry into hibernation.

In the space of a few days, every activity or event that might have moved people about Scotland's rural areas, or brought rural people together, has been cancelled. And will stay that way until some sort of all-clear is sounded.

Leading this charge into voluntary paralysis, the Scottish National Farmers' Union has suspended all its member meetings, from branch level upwards, until further notice.

It has been confirmed that this moratorium has put paid to the Scottish NFU annual general meeting, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9, at Dunblane. A spokesman said that, constitutionally, the business of the agm would still have to be conducted at some point, but doubted the event would be rescheduled in the meantime.

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conference, which was to have been held in Dunblane between March 9 and 11, and the Association of Deer Management Groups agm which would have taken place yesterday (Friday), in Inverness.

The Royal Northern Spring Show, which had been scheduled to kick-off this week at the Thainstone Centre, Inverurie, was initially postponed until March 6, but the escalation of the crisis prompted the Royal Northern Agricultural Society to cancel the event entirely.

Another event sacrificed to prevent the spread of disease was the popular Blackface sheep stock judging competition at Carscreugh, Glenluce, this weekend. Organizers said the event would not be rescheduled in the meantime.

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Students living on farms have been told to stay at home, unless they could find alternative accommodation near campus, and staff at the SAC's own farms have been cut down to essential workers only.

Cattle genetics company, Genus, confirmed it has recalled its 350 on-farm insemination operators, who will now only visit a farm on the specific request of the farmer and with due attention to the disease status of the area. Avoncroft, which provides AI services around some of the FMD hotspots in South-west England, has announced the complete suspension of its farm visits and has said it will not resume until MAFF gives the go ahead.

The National Association of Farmers' Markets has advised all market organisers that it would be unwise to hold any events within the next 10 days and, thereafter, until the extent of the FMD epidemic becomes plain.

Milk collection was one of the few farm-visiting activities that continued around Scotland, with tanker drivers adhering to a stringent MAFF approved hygiene regime, disinfecting their tanker wheels and wheel arches and their own waterproofs, on arrival and departure from

farms.

Should FMD infection take a hold in Scotland, the rival dairy buyers have revealed that contingency plans exist that, would cut tanker journeys to the bone through co-operative collection.

"There has been agreement through the Milk Forum that, if circumstances demand it, collection routes will be planned to further minimize the number of tankers on the road, even if that means pooling milk with other purchasers," explained Scottish Milk's Alan Taylor.

Away from farming, outdoor activity organizations showed a welcome awareness of the danger now posed by unnecessary countryside travel, with both the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Camping and Caravanning Club advising their members to stay at home.

The disease storm cloud over farming has produced at least one silver lining for the Government, with the announcement that the Countryside Alliance has now postponed its planned pro-hunting demonstration in London on March 16.

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BUSINESS

Towards a market focus: Partnering for competitive advantage - innovative collaborations

With the rapidly changing marketplace driving the need to change the way business is done, partnering through innovative collaboration may be a strategy to consider for any market. Agri-businesses are facing increased pressure from global markets, customer demands and ever-increasing competition. The expected benefit of partnering for an agri-business is a competitive advantage. "Innovative collaboration is defined as new ways of working together or new ways of working with the enemy," says Kathy Lowther, rural development specialist-business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Airdrie. "Whichever definition is chosen, creative thinking and a clearly defined purpose for working together is required to achieve results." In today's business environment, partnering goes by many names depending on the purpose of the arrangement. Some of the more popular terms are:

- Consortium - includes similar businesses in similar industries that pool resources to gain a benefit they couldn't achieve on their own.

- Strategic alliances and networks - a longer term agreement or collaborative relationship between businesses for achieving common objectives. In a network, the individuals remain autonomous, but have ready access to the resources of each other of the individuals in the network. Both strategic alliances and networks involve more than one individual or organization working together, with mutual benefit being the primary objective. To pursue a specific opportunity, business may take the next step of forming a joint venture. A joint venture contract is generally developed for a limited purpose or for a limited duration.

- Cooperative marketing - is an agreement to market partners' products or services through joint promotion. For markets requiring a guarantee of large volumes of product, a marketing cooperative may be a good option to meet this market demand that is difficult to fill by individuals.

- Value-chain relationship - a series of functions moving production of the primary inputs, through operations, marketing, and final delivery to the consumer. This may all happen with in a single company, but will most likely involve a series of separate companies working toward the production of the final good or service. Other business terms used in the agri-food processing industry include: collaboration, supply chain alliances, value chain alliances, vertical coordination, agri-chain competence and partner shipping. There are several examples of innovative collaborations:

- contract growing of crops and production of livestock - many companies and processors contract with producers to meet quality standards and supply requirements for a variety of products.

- agri-businesses and cooperative marketing groups - work together to consolidate individual purchasing and marketing efforts. Under this arrangement, they purchase inputs and supplies as a group to take advantage of bulk purchase discounts. This also allows for better supply management and market expansion.

- a group of producers getting together to hire producer agents - the agents provide marketing expertise to develop and expand target markets.

- co-innovation - companies work together with universities and research institutions to solve problems, establish product standards and improve technologies, and more. "Agri-businesses have only just begun to realize the opportunities and potential in the agri-food sector," says

Lori-Jo Graham, Alberta Agriculture's rural development specialist-business in Olds.

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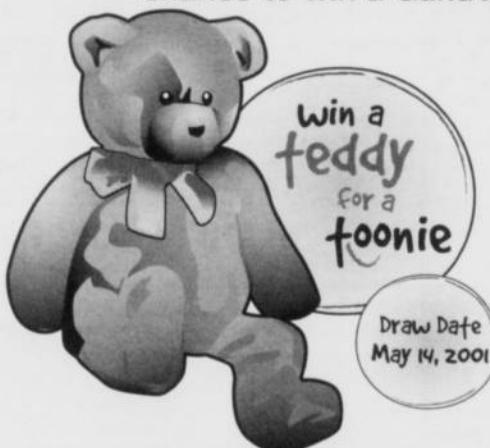
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"The ability to cooperate with other companies or organizations and to create win-win situations will be a key factor in the expansion of our industry." "While some types of collaboration are a form of doing business,

others, such as joint ventures, are legal structures that require contractual arrangements," continues Kathy Lowther, Alberta Agriculture's rural development specialist-business in Airdrie. "Always get advice from legal and accounting

professionals before forming new business structures." A good resource recently released by the Canadian Farm Business Management Council is Agriculture and Agri-Business Structures: A Practical Guidebook. The publication provides information of the various for-profit business structures surrounding many of these options, as well as structures suitable for service and support organizations. The cost of the publication is \$29. To order, call 1-888-232-3262 or order online:

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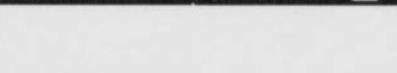
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"The provincial total precipitation average of 8.2 mm was 9.1 mm below the 1961-1990 long-term normal of 17.3 mm," says Shane Chetner, agricultural air issues specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "February flurries along the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains and in the Southern region helped bring precipitation total to below normal, while the remainder of the province continued with much below normal precipitation totals. February is typically the driest month and the third coldest month compared with the rest of the year."

February began with several days of well above normal temperatures, daily maximum temperatures reaching between plus five to ten degrees Celsius. In the second week of February, temperatures dropped to well below normal. Temperatures around the province recovered to near normal for the remainder of the month.

The provincial average temperature of -12.4 degrees C. was 3.0 degrees below the 1961 to 1990 provincial normal of -9.4 degree C.

"Cardston, 40 km west of

Waterton National Park, reported the greatest temperature departure 8.4 degrees below the February 1961-1990 monthly normal of -4.1 degrees C.," adds Chetner. "The greatest precipitation departure was recorded at Camrose, where only 0.2 mm of precipitation was reported, 19.5 mm below the 1961 to 1990 normal." The winter precipitation in Alberta from November 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001 was 30 to 60 per cent of normal (16 to 50 mm). The provincial average precipita-

tion total was 32.1 mm, 43 per cent of the normal of 74.4 mm. The start of March signals the last month of typically cooler drier weather and the lead into spring.

"Spring is typically marked by an increase in precipitation, and is the time of greatest soil moisture recharge and an increased chance of the recovering from the dry winter," says Chetner. "If the province receives 137.7 mm, or about 44 per cent above the long-term normal of 95.4 mm of

precipitation during the period of March 1st to May 31st, precipitation levels would be returned to the 1961-1990 normals. Timely province-wide spring snowstorms will improve soil moisture reserves. Spring snowstorms have improved regional moisture conditions substantially in past years. Province-wide spring snowstorms would be needed to improve moisture conditions prior to seeding."

Current predictions from Environment Canada are for above normal precipitation

for the March to May period in southern Alberta.

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In a business sense, there are lots of ways for people to get together. Formal arrangements such as corporations, partnerships and co-ops are the most familiar, followed by 21st century favorites like networks, value chains and alliances. However, for two or more individuals who just want to try working together, a joint venture may be the answer.

The term "joint venture" means exactly what it says: working together in a business undertaking, presumably to make money. Another way to describe a joint venture is "not a partnership," since a partnership is a legal entity under Canadian law, while a joint venture is not. In a joint venture, two or more people contribute the use of their assets, labour and

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management to a single business endeavour. In return they receive a share of the revenues and pay a share of the expenses. Each venturer is responsible for individual ownership costs such as land taxes and machinery payments. Income tax is filed separately.

Assets such as land and ma-

chinery remain in the names of the venturers, and only their use is contributed to the joint venture. Short-term assets like inventories and operating capital are pooled and considered to be part of the venture.

A joint venture is usually based on a formal written agreement. A complete understanding of the arrangement is critical. Important

issues include: purpose of the venture, names and details of the parties involved, starting and ending dates, assets, labour and management to be contributed, how revenues and expenses are to be shared and, pre-arranged exit strategies.

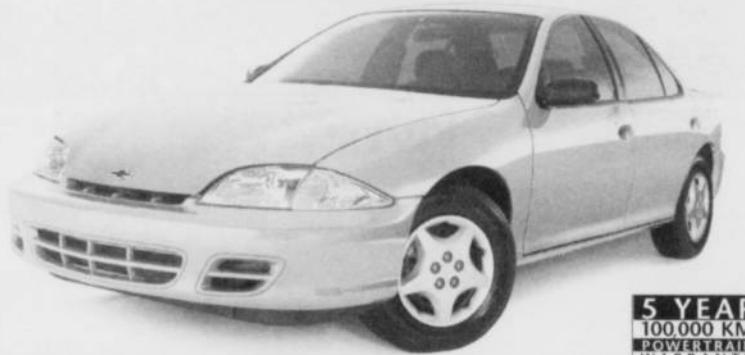
A potential down-side is that joint ventures sometimes fail because of a lack of planning and

attention to details. The minimal legal requirements and the extreme flexibility of these arrangements can result in low commitment levels by the venturers and ultimately, unsuccessful businesses.

There are several important advantages to a joint venture. Working together can help business efficiencies and economies of

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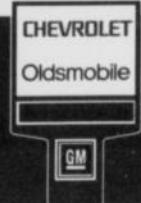
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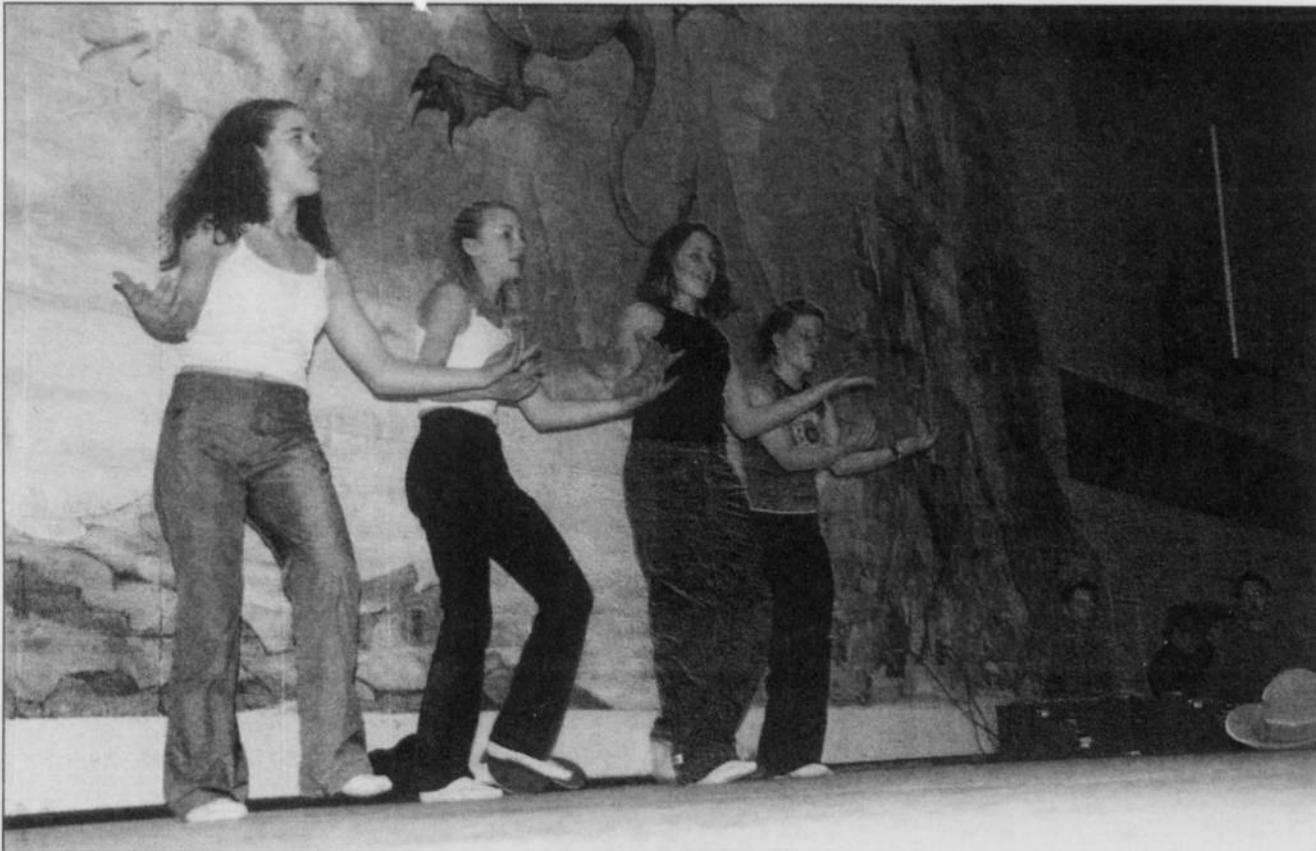
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Lip Sync'N

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Westglen student stars (L to R) Jacque Chernow, Trona Richmond, Danielle Saina and Kathryn Simon played to a full house of students and parents at the middle school Annual Lip Sync and Talent Show.

Let's play ball!

The Ice has been out of the arena for almost four weeks already, skates and hockey equipment are being put away for the season, and it is our guess that everyone is looking for their soccer, ball, and golf equipment that has not seen daylight for some time. Well, if the weather begins to cooperate, the diamonds should be ready for action very soon.

The annual ball diamond scheduling meeting for Didsbury ball teams and associations is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 20, 2001. All interested teams and associations wishing to book diamonds for the season are required to be in attendance at this meeting. This meeting will secure diamond times and dates for all those interested in playing ball in the 2001 season.

The meeting will take place at the Memorial Complex at 7:00 pm. Didsbury

Minor Ball Association, Didsbury Mixed Slowpitch League, Men's Slowpitch, and Saturday evening church league are just a few of those that we expect will represent themselves at the meeting. Any other teams or leagues wishing to access diamonds are invited as well. When you come to this meeting, please be sure to bring a list of all requested diamond times, days and dates, as well as options for alternate times, days, and dates should your requested times not be available.

Recreation & Facility Services personnel host this meeting annually and strive to accommodate all leagues, teams and associations with their requested times for practices, games and tournaments. Working together at this meeting helps us to ensure that most requests are met and that all teams have the opportunity to play lots of ball during the season.

For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Rhonda or Alana at 335-7369. Remember, your group must be represented to secure diamond times for the season; otherwise, you will be faced with the option of accessing the diamonds during the times that have not been spoken for at the meeting.



Members of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club performed their annual Trade Show Dinner Theatre fund raiser at the Multi Purpose room Friday April 6. The event was attended by approximately 150 people and included cocktails, roast beef dinner and door prizes.



Annual General Meeting

Monday May 7th @ 7:00 p.m.
Located at the Didsbury Complex

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We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy, the cards, visits, flowers, phone calls, charitable donations and for all the food brought to the house after Evelyn's passing. Thanks to Father Terry Connolly, the Pallbearers, organist Verma Allenspach, Soloist Doreen Allen and to Garry Trottier for the tributes. To the Carstairs Legion Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely lunch after the service, the Half Century Club for the use of their facility and to Personal Alternative Funeral Services for their care and assistance in making all the arrangements. Adrienne Trotter, Brent, Paul & Ann & Family, Michael, Edith & Barry & Family, and Denise & Larry.

ANNIVERSARY

The family of Hilda & Emil Regner in recognition of their 60th Anniversary request the honor of your presence on Sunday, April 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church. (Your presence is your present.)

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Sylvia Molenaar at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 7:30 p.m. on April 26. 2-21

OBITUARY

MCEWEN, Melville (Mel) Oliver, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at the Foothills Hospital at the age of 74 years. Mel was born April 25, 1926 on the farm west of Carstairs, where he was still residing at the time of his passing. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Shirley, son Colin (Heather) of Carstairs, son Shaun (Terrie) of Carstairs and daughter Barb Quadri (Dave) of Calgary, grandchildren, Lindsey, Corey, James, Jory, Sarah and Shannon, sister-in-law Doreen McEwen, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Pat and Harold Krebs, 4 nieces and 1 nephew. He was predeceased by his mother Olive (1926), father David (1963) and twin brother Stan in 1996. Funeral services were held from the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury, Alberta on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor Richard Pahl officiating. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Alberta. Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

Ball Diamond Scheduling

Ball Diamond scheduling meeting Friday, April 20, 2001 at 7 p.m. at Complex. All teams, league and associations must be in attendance.

Renovation Open House

Multi-purpose Room Renovations Open House - Thursday, April 19 from 7 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Complex.

Annual General Meeting

Didsbury Ladies Golf Club, notice of annual general meeting, Tues. April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Didsbury Golf Course. All lady members and newcomers encouraged to attend.

DIDSBURY

Gospel Services

A series of Non-denominational Gospel Services are being held at the Mountview Hall, East of DidSBury (4.3 km east of the Jct of Hwy 2 & 582) every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 335-4423 S. Epp and C. Farrell.

CARSTAIRS

Artist Show

The Carstairs Artist Guild Annual Show and Sale will be held at the Half Century Club (1139 - Osler St.) in Carstairs, Friday, May 4, 12 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited.

CARSTAIRS

Community Support Night

There will be a Community Support Night for Dennis Schmick on April 20, 2001 at the Carstairs Community Hall. Cocktails 5:30, dinner: 6:30. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at 2A Gas, Koch Fuels, Lumber One and UFA. For more info, contact Jim or Gerrie Lee Klys at 337-2166.

WESTCOTT

Westcott Annual Meeting

The Westcott Annual Meeting will be held April 18, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dessert. Everyone is welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Registered Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing funds sensibly. For more info contact Elaine at 250-832-7671 or Jan at 250-392-5474.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New spring hours: Friday and Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m. and anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Jim Neis at 335-3133 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391.

TOY LIBRARY

Kiddling Around Parents Club Toy Library. Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. also Thursdays 7-8 p.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

DIDSBURY

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays.) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388.

DIDSBURY

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

Accepting registrations to their social & educational program for children 3 - 5 years. No parent commitment or fundraising required. See us at the Trade Show or call 335-8818 or 335-8039.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

CARSTAIRS

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

DIDSBURY

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD /ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to coordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mt. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

ALA Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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Olds Grizzlys Coach named Head Coach for team Pacific 2002

The Olds Grizzlys are proud to announce that Coach/GM Brett Cox has been selected as Head Coach for Team Pacific 2002.

Team Pacific is made up of the best 16 year olds in Alberta and B.C. The selection process will occur with camps being held in Edmonton and

Calgary in May, and a further Provincial camp held in Calgary in mid-July.

The team will compete in the World Under 17 Challenge

in Selkirk, MN from December 26 - January 5, 2002. Five regional teams from Canada, the U.S.A. and four teams from Europe will comprise the

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